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TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH COLONIAL POLICY.

LONDON, March 19th.

The French Chamber of Deputies and the Senate have voted a credit for the creation of a Ministry for the Colonies.

THE STRAITS MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

Mr. Sydney C. Buxton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Colonial Office, stated that the question of the Straits Military Contribution had been considered, and he hoped shortly to be able to announce that a decision had been arrived at.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

FURTHER COMPLICATIONS AHEAD.
M. Le Myre de Vilers, late French Envoy in Siam, when interviewed at Paris stated that under the recent treaty the Saigon Court of Appeal will reverse the judgment of the Siamese Court at Bangkok, where Phra Yot was acquitted of the murder of Grosgrain and his detachment on the Mekong frontier; and meanwhile France will retain Chantaboon.

FOOCHOW RACES.

(Special to the Hongkong Telegraph.)

SECOND DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1894.
The following are the results of to-day's racing:

The FOOCHOW CUP, value \$100; second pony to receive \$25, third pony \$15; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 7lb.; extra, of 2 or more races 14lb.; extra; ponies first race in Foochow or Amoy as griffins allowed 7lb.; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.

Aristocrat 1
Autocrat 2
Recovery 3
Time 3 min. 26 sec.

The FOOCHOW DERBY, of \$10 each with \$50 added; second pony to receive \$25; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 10lb.; extra; ponies that have never won a race allowed 7lb.; entrance \$5. Once round.

Hard Times 1
Congo 2
Yarra 3
Time 1 min. 26 sec.

The LOTTERY CUP, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 10lb.; extra; ponies that have never won a race allowed 7lb.; entrance \$5. Once round.

Hard Times 1
Congo 2
Yarra 3
Time 1 min. 26 sec.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

DIVORCE is said to be steadily on the increase in France.

Iron and steel are made by native tribes in the interior of Africa.

H.M.S. *Leander* is now at Singapore and the *Proctor* at Bangkok.

A MOTHER, boasting of the smartness of her two-year-old, said: "Why, he will drop a hot poker as quickly as a grown man."

THE origin of the card-playing is uncertain. It is said to have been brought to Viterbo, Italy, in 1379. Cards were first taxed in England in 1710.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship *Thames*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 6 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here about 9 a.m. on the 26th inst.

A REGULAR meeting of the Eichen Mark Lodge, No. 26, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE *Imperialist*, *Archer* and *Severn* sailed from Singapore for Batavia on the 19th inst. The *Archer* will have remained at Singapore for a few days; afterwards joining the other vessels at Batavia.

WHEN a handsome man visits the north-eastern portion of Tartary the inhabitants kill him because he is good-looking. They don't want his clothes or his money; they simply want his soul to remain among them.

In England the blind form .08 per cent. of the population, in Scotland .07 per cent. and in Ireland .11 per cent., or, in England and Wales one person in every 1235 is blind, in Scotland one in every 1439 and in Ireland one in 831.

A TWO-AND-A-HALF million dollar work, on which an incalculable amount of labour has been spent for about 20 years, is nearly finished. When complete it will form the United States Government's official accounts of the Civil War, in 120 bulky volumes.

THERE are according to the Belfast Chamber of Commerce four hundred floating wrecks in the Gulf Stream and all on account of too much water. We can beat that all hollow in Hongkong, where there are over a thousand "wrecks" all on account of fire-water.

Mrs. B. "Isn't it strange that Nellie's children all have red hair?"

Mr. B. "I suppose it is hair-red in the family."

Mrs. B. seized a flat-iron in self-defence, and Mr. B. dodged under the bed.

At Singapore the managers of the local banks have jointly addressed the Chamber of Commerce urging the expediency of now introducing a British Dollar in the currency of the Far East. This says the Singapore *Advertiser*, is, under the present condition of trade, absolutely necessary.

ANOTHER steamship line across the Atlantic has, according to an American exchange, been established. It is to be called the Norfolk and North American Steamship Company, and is to ply between Norfolk, Va., and European ports in connection with the Norfolk and Western Railroad system.

THE French Government has warned the tobaccoists, all of whom are appointed by the State, the tobacco trade being a Government monopoly in France, that they must not sell Anarchist papers. Nearly all the small tobaccoists combine the selling of newspapers with their tobacco-business.

On the publication of the Pope's latest Encyclical.

Andy: "Who is this man, Pope, whose bull the papers are talking about? Is this bull a wonderfully fine animal?"

Ben: "Well, I heard that it was an Italian bull and that they are going to make a saint out of him, to beat the White Elephant of Siam."

THE *Amoy* correspondent of the *Straits Times* writes:—Capt. Knowles, of the American barque *Mary S. Ames*, reports that he encountered a very heavy gale to which the goods of the vessel were carried away, and to save and lighten the vessel by the stern he was compelled to lighten about 20 tons of cargo. He is a good miles in the condition. Capt. Knowles will proceed to Batavia to make necessary repairs, before resuming his passage to Samarang.

MILAN, Italy, is to have an international working-men's congress.

THE O. & S. S. Co.'s steamship *Gaelic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 20th inst.

In the Sessions yesterday, the two Indians of the Hongkong Regiment, charged with conspiring to cause the murder of the *Avastar* Nur Mahomed were acquitted.

THE foreign instructors now in the different Colleges of the Imperial Chinese University are: Law 1, Medicine 1, Engineering 3, Literature 4, Science 1, and Agriculture 4.

THE Greeks consume annually to each inhabitant five pounds of sugar and one pound of coffee. They make up the deficiency in wine, drinking eighteen gallons each in the twelve months.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, to-morrow, at 4.30 for 5 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE first junk carrying the Chikang province tribute rice for Peking started from their anchorage at the south-eastern suburbs of the Shanghai native city on the 16th inst. It was expected that they would drop down to Tung-shing Island and then wait for the first fair wind to take them northwards.

THE trial of Phra Yot, the Siamese Commissioner who is charged with inciting his followers to the murder of Grosgrain and a Franco-Annamite force at Kammon last year, was expected to be finished by the 19th inst. However the telegram which we publish in another column indicates that Phra Yot has been acquitted and the French in consequence are again inclined to dig up the hatchet.

WHEN the new White Star line steamer *Cecil* left New York for England recently she had on board the largest cargo that ever left that port on one ship. It consisted of 144,000 bushels of grain, 9,000 bales of cotton, 860 head of cattle, 400 tons copper and lead, 300 tons of fresh meat, 3,500 sacks of flour, 3,000 boxes of cheese, 2,000 barrels of oil, 600 barrels of paraffine wax, 2,000 bundles of hides, 300 tierces of beef and 300 bales of hay.

THE wives of by far the greater number of the nobilities of the day—literary, artistic and scientific—are very quiet, unassuming women of somewhat humble origin, and a great number of them have worked hard for a living prior to their marriage, says *Forget Me Not*. Two Royal Academicians married barmaids, several others married their models, two very celebrated R.A.'s married two beautiful sisters, the daughters of a paragon, and themselves assistants in the shop attached.

WHEN Robtstein played before the Emperor of Austria the latter congratulated him in his words, delivered with perfect sobriety and comely courtesy. "I have heard Thalberg, Dreyschok, Von Balow, all the great pianists, and I never saw one of them sweat as much as you do." A mate to that anecdote has just been related: Schumann accompanied his wife to the Hague, where she had been invited to play for the King of Holland. The King was quite condescending to the pianist, and after speaking to her he turned to Schumann and said: "And you—are you a musician, too?"

A DRAMATIC story is told by Leoncavallo in his opera "I Pagliacci." It is this:—"When I was a lad of 13 I lived in Calabria, where my father was president of the Court of Justice. One day at Cosens a mountebank was tried for murder. This strolling player had killed his wife, who had been faithless to him. I attended the trial, and it made such a deep impression on me that years afterward I still thought of it. The murderer stood before his judges with truly tragic strength, and much as I was at first to stone, I can still hear his words, hoarsely shouted into the hall: 'I do not repent. On the contrary, if I had to do it again, I would do it.' This prototype of 'Camillo' was sentenced to the gallows."

THE following circular despatch was sent to the foreign legations at Peking, by the Tsungli Yamen recently:—"We have the honor to inform you that the 7th of November next will be the sixtieth anniversary of the birthday of H.M. the Empress Dowager Tzu-hsi, etc., etc., which will be celebrated throughout the Empire. On that day H.M. the Empress, accompanied by the high dignitaries of the whole empire, will proceed to pay felicitous congratulations to the Empress Dowager, and the celebration will be a religious ceremony. As China is in unity and friendship with your country, it is but in accordance with the courtesy due to your Excellency that proper notice of this joyous occasion should also be given to your Excellency. Instructions have already been sent to our Ministers abroad to give the same information to your Excellency's government at home. Now, if the 'Audience Question' is worth fighting out, here is a good chance for the 'foreign vessels' to score a point.

"If I were lazy or extravagant, I shouldn't ask you or any other man for money; I'd be ashamed to. I'd say I deserved to starve and freeze. It is in nowise my fault that I am brought to this condition."

"With circumstances, I suppose?"
"Exactly! I'd been working for a man in Indiana for nearly a year, and had saved up \$100. I started to go into partnership with a man buying apples. We expected to make \$500 in two months. A mule suddenly kicked the man and he died—the man did. That's circumstances, ain't it?"

"Certainly!"
"Then somebody robbed a store, and as they couldn't find anybody else to arrest they collared me. I wasn't within fifteen miles of the store, but they are not at all particular in Indiana. They didn't claim I was guilty, but said they paid their constables for hunting and expected them to arrest everything lying around loose. Circumstances again, eh?"

"Looks like it."
"I wasn't content to stay in jail. It was too confining, and the sanitary arrangements were bad. I sent for a lawyer and gave him \$50 to advise me. He advised me to give the other \$50 to the warden to let me out. See the hand of circumstances?"

"Yes."
"I came out dead broke, and headed for Detroit, expecting to meet friends who would help me. On the way up a tramp held me up for an exchange of clothes, and I got here to find that my friends had gone to Europe for a five years' tour. More circumstances, see?"
"Plenty of it; here's a nickel."
"He took it in a gingerly way, felt it, held it to the light on the top of his finger, and said: 'I'll give you all you pay for, but I don't want to give you this nickel. What the world is like to get a bad and a good of some!'"

EPITAPH ON A DUDE.—"All's well that ends well."

MISS Rhoda Broughton has written a new novel, which is to appear under the title of "A Beginner."

ACCORDING to expert calculations the Coliseum of Rome seated 87,000 spectators while 60,000 more could have found standing-room.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) that the "Shire" Line steamer *Cardigan* left Singapore for this port to-day, and is due on or about the 27th inst.

A MAN in Wisconsin had the following words inscribed on his wife's tombstone:—"Tears cannot restore thee, therefore I weep." The neighbors were curious to know if he would weep if tears could restore her!

THE latest statistics compiled by M. Fournier de Fais, a French statistician, gives the number of Roman Catholics in the world as 230,866,613; Protestants, 143,217,625; Greek Catholics, 98,016,000.

THE Portuguese gunboat *Bengo* arrived in Hongkong from Macao to-day, and will take over the Governor of the latter colony, Sr. Horta e Costa, who is expected to arrive to-morrow by the French mail.

"Do you like to look at the dogs?" said Farmer Richard to his little niece from the city.

"Yes, indeed, uncle," replied the intelligent child, "but I can't make out yet which pig it is that gives the boneless bacon."

In the Russian army there is one particular regiment of infantry of the guards formed by Emperor Paul, the men of which are recruited, not so much with regard to their height or color of their hair and complexion as to the shape of their noses. Emperor Paul had a typical Kalmuk nose of the most exorbitantly up-dipped pattern, and since then, out of compliment to him, all the officers and men of this particular regiment have noses of the same shape, the sight which they present on parade being somewhat startling.

A SHARP engagement between the Dutch and Achinese troops took place on the 3rd inst., in the Melaboh district on the West Coast of Achene. The hostile Achinese had fortified a place called Re-nding, which was captured by the Dutch troops after some hard fighting. The Achinese lost 21 killed, 3 cannons, 30 rifles, and 60 other weapons. On the Dutch side the casualties were 3 privates killed, 4 severely and 20 slightly wounded; the latter including 2 officers. The captured stronghold is now occupied by the Dutch and friendly Achinese allied forces.

FROM the *Shen Pao* of the 12th inst., the *Shanghai Mercury* translates a notification respecting the issue of 5,000 shares of Tia 100 each, Hankow sycee, for the purpose of starting another cotton mill at Wuchang in connection with the present cotton mill there, the capital of which is given as Tia 1,500,000. The shareholders in the new concern are promised 15 per cent. per annum for their money, and it is notified that shares may be had at the China Merchants' office or at the Peh Chuan Tang Bank. One of the most important paragraphs is that which says that no Foreigner will be allowed to hold shares and if a Foreigner succeeds in purchasing any, the man who sold them will be fined and imprisoned and the scrip cancelled. The Foreigner is making headway in China!

ACCORDING to recent telegraphic advices from Washington, the House Committee on Military Affairs reported favorably the bill by General Curtis of New York, which reverses the regulations for enlistments in the regular army, and is designed to Americanize the troops. Its most important provisions are that no man shall be enlisted in time of peace except American citizens, or those who have declared their intention to become citizens, and that the men must be able to speak, read and write the English language. These rules are not to apply to Indians. Official reports show that over 37 per cent. of the soldiers at present owe allegiance to foreign governments. The candidates for enlistment must be under 30 years of age. Under the existing rules enlistments are for the minimum of five years and the length of service is restricted to ten years. The committee recommends that all enlistments be for terms of three years, and no man shall re-enlist who has not served honestly and faithfully during the first term.

THAT a lineal descendant of Oliver Cromwell was to be found in our own day is a fact known, presumably, to very few. Such a descendant, however, we read, was Mrs. Averilla Olivera Cromwell Bush, who died last November. This lady's grandmother, the wife of Thomas Artemidorus Russell, was Elizabeth Olivera (born in 1777), the only daughter of Oliver Cromwell (born in 1742), the last male of his family to bear its name. Elizabeth Olivera was the great-great-granddaughter of the Protector. The oldest son of Mr. T. A. Russell, Cromwell Russell, had one child, the lady lately deceased, who was born July 19, 1825. As evidence of the pertinacity of popular prejudice, it is said that the Oliver Cromwell of the last century, who was a solicitor in chancery, experienced great disadvantage in consequence of his patronymic, and that he objected to the proposed assumption of it by his son-in-law. Since the death of Mrs. Bush, announcement has been made by that of Mrs. Elizabeth Olivera Russell, the daughter of Artemidorus Russell, in her ninety-second year. The Cromwell heirlooms, together with the Chestnut Park estate, now pass to Mrs. Bush's son, the Rev. Thomas Cromwell Bush.

A NATIVE correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writing from Changsha says that Governor Sun has made up his mind to have another attempt at introducing the telegraph into Hunan. It will be remembered that when the Viceroy tried the Hunan border, as soon as they crossed Lichow by a mob which threw their white into the canal, made a bonfire of their posts, and gave the natives in charge a very bad handling. But Governor Sun has now consulted with the gentry of Changsha and the presidents of three colleges there, who are all quite agreeable; so a telegraph office has been established in the Banket street in what was a clock and watch shop, and deputies appointed to procure the necessary materials and men. No difficulty is anticipated. Governor Sun has it also in his mind to get a number of small steamers to run between Siangyang, Changsha, and Yehow at the mouth of the Yangtze lake, and perhaps to Hankow—with passengers and goods, so that the people of Hunan may be saved from the great dangers and delays of crossing the lake in native boats. The gentry and the people of the capital have welcomed this project most warmly; at least so says the native correspondent, and it is much to be hoped that his information is correct.

A GERMAN student, wrestling with the English language, rendered a familiar text as follows:—"The ghost is strong, but the meat is feeble."

His Excellency Kang, Minister to Great Britain, was expected to arrive at Shanghai yesterday from Nanking, preparatory to departure for England.

THE Chinese in Singapore (Ed. Admiral Ting, of the Pei-yang Squadron, on the 10th inst. Two Chinese warships are still cruising in Straits waters.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, and left again at midnight for this port, via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

MISSRS. SHIBUSAWA, El-ichi and Yonekura Ippei, of Tokyo, together with some timber merchants of Osaka, have under consideration a scheme to organize a timber company with a capital of 2,000,000 yen.

Dealer—Here's a dear I'd like you to try. Customer—What's the name of it? Dealer—The Genuine Success. Customer—I've tried it. It's well named. It doesn't end in smoke.

THE slang phrase "in it" or "not in it" was used by Ezekiel, the Hebrew prophet, in the following passage:—"Though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God."

ACCORDING to a Peking native correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*, her Majesty the Empress Dowager will move the Court to her favourite palace at Elho Park, which is ten miles or so from the "Forbidden City," on the 28th inst. There her Majesty intends to remain until November, the anniversary of her sixtieth birthday, when she will make her triumphal progress through ten miles of beautifully decorated streets, adorned with the expensive displays of the princes, nobles, State Ministers of Peking, and the Viceroy and Governors of the provinces.

WHAT HE COULD NOT DO.
He could sit for hours and speak things sublime in classic Greek. He could also let you know how the comets come and go. He could fathom all the tricks of our modern politics. He'd describe, your mind to lead, Prehistoric man or beast. Yet there were some men who said, They would like to punch his head, And they said it o'er and o'er, And they meant it more and more, For the aggravating bore Couldn't learn to shut the door!

THE recent death of Mr. George W. Childs draws attention to a venerable claim now pending against the State by the Childs family of Philadelphia. In 1777 Congress sent spies to Montreal to report upon preparations being then made by the British Government to subjugate its rebellious colonies. The men were appointed by General Washington, and a George W. Childs was one of them. The General gave them certificates to the effect that their wages were well earned, but the compensation promised Mr. Childs by the Continental Congress was not paid, and his heirs now have a claim against the United States for \$7,000,000, which they affirm to be the principal and interest due them.

THE *Rangoon Times*, referring to the Police Force of that important port, says:—"The members of the executive police in Rangoon might be supposed to experience, collectively, a feeling of becoming shame at the daily exposure in these columns of their nakedness; but it is by no means certain that they have the smallest desire to cover themselves with the fig leaves of amendment. It is much more probable that they experience a distinct sense of gratification at obtaining a publicity ever decreedible. To judge from results, it is to be feared that they form a group in the pachydermatous species, that unfavorable criticism produces upon them about the same effect that a hypodermic injection would upon a rhinoceros." The metaphor of our esteemed contemporary is decidedly pointed if nothing more.

AN Odessa correspondent says that the Russian orthodox missionaries have so failed in their proselyting efforts among the Khirgises that the missions will probably be shortly withdrawn. Newly the whole of the Steppes tribes, generally described as "heathens," are now adopting, almost as a matter of course, the Mohammedan faith, which is being chiefly by Tartar teachers. The Mohammedan Tartars have always enjoyed the right of free proselytism among the natives of the Khirgise Steppes. According to a report just issued by the All-Russian Orthodox Missions Society, during the last twenty-five years its missionaries have made 85,000 converts among the heathens of Asiatic and European Russia and Japan. The cost of these missions during the quarter of a century amounts to 3,146,763 roubles.

THUS the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 15th inst.—The excitement amongst the local Chinese officials over the expected arrival of the old-tail steamer *Star* continued all day, and there were constant communications being received from the British, German and Russian Consulates. The poor Tao-tai is harassed over the mess he has allowed Sheng Tao-tai, Mr. Ching Chong and their satellites to get him into, and to-day he begged one of the Consuls concerned to delay the landing of the oil for at least ten days. But imperative instructions have been received at the Consulates interested here to have the oil landed. We understand that an intimation has been given to the agents of the tank steamers by the Customs officials here that they have no authority to accept payment of duties on bulk oil, which it is estimated will come to between five or six thousand taels on the cargo of the *Star*, she having some 3,000 tons of oil on board. In view of this controlling the British Consulate has expressed its willingness to accept the duties *pro tem*. The whole question is likely to assume a very important diplomatic aspect, and the local officials who have placed the Tao-tai Yamen in an absurd and untenable position, which they must perform abandon, are pretty sure "to catch it hot." We have no doubt that the first cargo will be landed peacefully, now that the Chinese authorities see that the people behind this scheme are determined to obtain their undisputed rights, and that the representatives of the Powers to whom they have appealed are equally determined to allow no senseless or interested opposition from the Customs to stand in the way of a perfectly legitimate enterprise. So the mandarins will have to climb down, and great will be the laughter at the mighty fall, which the Yamen, Sheng and Nish Tao-tais, with Ching Chong and the rest of them must make if they refuse to suffer. We are rather sorry for Nish Tao-tai that such an upward incident should mark the close of what has otherwise been a remarkably successful and smooth reign.

H.M.S. *Egeria*, homeward bound, sailed from Penang on the 18th inst.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamship *City of Peking*, which left Hongkong on February 29th for San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inafu, Saiki, Yokohama, arrived at her destination on the 20th inst.

INSPECTOR William Quincey has assumed duty at the Central Police Office of the Detective Force, vice Inspector Stanton who left for Europe on a year's leave of absence, by the *Empress of Japan* to-day.

THE police of London have discovered some letters distributed by anarchists urging the desirability of setting fire to the city simultaneously in one hundred places so that the attention of the police might be thereby taken up while anarchists loot the city.

THE *Daily Press* is getting fond of "improving" items from the *Telegraph*. On Monday evening we had translation of a French telegram to the effect that a special commission had shown the priests to be innocent of complicity in anarchist outrages; on Tuesday morning our est. contempt had it that a commission "will show" etc.; the original being *demonstrat*, not *demonstrare*. Again, last night we had the Hack Saker in Foochow a walk-over for Musket; but "Granny" in sporting genes had it "Musket 1st, Walkover 2nd"! What price "XX"?

NEW statistics of Protestant churches in France have recently been gathered. From these we glean that there are Protestant houses of worship in 781 localities in the French republic. There are 787 reformed pastors in charge of congregations, and 12 reformed chaplains in the army. The Lutheran church number only 90, the Free Evangelical Church has 47, and the other Protestant denominations have 72. There are there 15 Bible societies, 19 Protestant societies for home missions, 6 for foreign missions, 44 orphan homes, 47 refuge houses, 50 hospitals and 118 periodicals—all in the interest of the Protestant church of France.

THE *North China Daily News* considers that a tribute to the Western art of oil-painting has just been paid by the Empress Dowager, who, about a fortnight ago ordered the Admiralty Board to engage a number of skilled artists from Shanghai and Hongkong to go up to Peking; to paint views of the Imperial Birthday celebrations next November, the street displays, and triumphal progress, etc. The reference thus shown by this august personage for the Western art of oil-painting, as perpetrated by the native artists, is a poor compliment to the other Western art of photography, which would be infinitely more applicable in this case.

SOAP-SUDS, it is said, may supersede oil as the agency in calming troubled waters of the sea and saving vessels from harm. Experiments have been made recently, and the reports of co-operating observers to the Hydrographic Office uniformly commend the virtue of the new discovery. The German steamship *Scandia*, from Hamburg to Philadelphia, made the experiment with the greatest success in one of the wildest storms that ever swept the North Atlantic ocean. While the sea was running highest, soap-suds were left to gradually drip over the vessel's bow. The sea ceased to break over her decks and the ship lay comparatively easy. The officer who had charge of the experiment in his report speaks glowingly of the success attending it. The use of suds is not intended to entirely displace oil, but being cheaper, heavier on the water and the soap occupying less space on the ship, it is likely before long to be generally adopted.

THE following is Messrs. Wheelock & Co.'s Freight Market Report issued at Shanghai on the 16th inst.:—"There is no improvement to report in value of cargo going forward for either London or New York since our last circular was issued, the greater part of that date being the 1st inst. It was expected that after the opening of the Tia train season, produce would have come down from that port plentifully, yet the first batch of steamers to return here from the North arrived with poor cargoes, though prospects of larger shipments are entertained. For New York there has been but small demand, the only steamer that we have had here having left with a very small quantity of cargo, her prospects in the south being more encouraging. Coar-twine—For Wuhan Canton the demand has slightly slackened though there is still employment for one or two steamers, but at reduced rates. Nagasaki-Shanghai—There are plenty of enquiries in this direction at present, as quoted below, but there is a decided scarcity of available tonnage. For London *via</*

